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## Bakery men quit ousted union & join ABC-AFLCIO

### REPORT

To Our Reader - Owners

#### PORNO PEDDLERS

Congresswoman Kathryn E. Granahan (Dem., Pa.) who was in the Bay Area recently as head of a subcommittee studying pornography and what to do about it, confided to the daily press that she thought this whole smut business might well prove to be a Communist plot. She broadly hinted, too, that in her opinion most juvenile delinquents are as they are because of smut literature.

This country had trouble with pornography peddlers long before there was any Communist movement. As for smut stuff being the cause of juvenile delinquency, in many cases it's the parents who are responsible for delinquency, yet a law eliminating parents is hardly possible, as even the doughty Congresswoman might guess.

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#### DISGUSTING, YES!

Mollie Minudri, well known in the San Francisco labor movement, is very active in socalled "vigilantes" who are trying to clean up the news stands, and she is only one of many sincere folk who are disgusted by the porno peddlers. The present writer is constantly annoyed by the ads which the movies seem to think they have to run in order to get people into their sheep chutes. Many a movie that really isn't disgusting at all is played up in the ads as though it were almost too filthy to imagine.

Yet just as the failure of many parents to take proper care of their children is one of the causes of juvenile delinquency, and there's no use trying to put all the blame on smut stuff, so it is true that excessive commercialism, mad materialism, the diseased desire to get lots of money at all costs, is at the root of porno peddling. Yet we can't just pass a law against excessive commercialism and assume we've solved the problem.

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#### WHEN IT STARTS . . .

When the magazine Playboy was banned from the stands by some cop on the Peninsula, one man heading a "vigilantes" group of some sort promptly announced that he had a list of 167—if we remember the figure rightly—magazines which he would also ask to have removed, and several hundred paperback books, too.

That's a good sample of what gets started when this subject goes rolling down the alley.

STEEL FABRICATORS Assn. of Oakland is named by U. S. in an anti-trust civil action.

### OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

### Study business men's politics BTC head urges

President Joseph Pruss of the Building Trades Council at the last meeting of that body advised all building trades people to pay close attention to the energy and care with which business leaders are taking up the study of practical politics.

Pruss especially cited the so-called Alameda County Civic Affairs luncheon held November 10 at a restaurant on Jack London Square, addressed by Arthur H. Motley, publisher of Parade magazine and vice president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

The affair was sponsored by the Oakland Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with Alameda County's Associated Chambers of Commerce, the Taxpayers Association, the Downtown Merchants Association, the Emeryville Industries Association, the Oakland Real Estate Board, Retail Merchants Inc., and the Uptown Association.

Pruss attended the gathering, which included some 700 persons, nearly all of them business men, because his union, Sheet Metal Workers 216, belongs to the Taxpayers Association.

The theme of the meeting was "Politics is your business."

Motley outlined at this meeting the Political Participation Program, as it is called, of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

This program calls for establishing in every community throughout the country what is called an Action Course in Practical Politics. This course consists of a series of nine two-hour workshops held weekly or every two weeks, attended by from 12 to 20 participants and conducted by a discussion leader. Each workshop deals with some one important aspect of practical politics.

The plan is to such courses—as many as any community can handle—organized and run by individual firms in all types of business and industry-service, retail, wholesale, manufacturing, banking, insurance, etc., or by chambers of commerce and other business organizations.

The national chamber has prepared an elaborate set of materials for this work, and Pruss

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### Eddie Maney of Laundry Workers is in hospital

Eddie Maney, secretary of Laundry Workers Local 2, is in Providence hospital, and may have to remain there several weeks.

Maney, who has for many years been sergeant-at-arms of the Central Labor Council, had gone to the hospital for a check-up, and the physician decided he had better stay there for a time.

### AFLCIO legislative man says: Ignore final Labor Act vote!

Andrew J. Biemiller, the AFL-CIO's chief legislative contact man with Congress, at the meeting this week of the Central Labor Council in a powerful oration laid the following three things on the line:

1. The ONE test vote in the legislative history of the new Labor-Management Reporting & Disclosure Act in the House of Representatives was on whether or not the Landrum-Griffin bill should be substituted for the better bill reported out of the House committee.

2. Once the Landrum-Griffin bill had been so substituted by a vote of 229 to 201, and had finally been passed by the House, there was nothing for it but to work with the Senate-House conference committee to improve the House version, "and if you cooperate with the conference committee and they do improve a bill, you can't turn around and say you're going to go out after any Congressman who votes for that improved version."

3. With management men all over the country organizing to go into politics from the precinct level on up, organized labor has too many troubles to worry about "how somebody combs their hair," and the one big job is to reelect the 201 members of the House of Representatives who did stand firm against the Landrum-Griffin bill in the one big test vote, and try to elect some more good men to stand with them in the next Congress.

While the AFLCIO's top expert on what goes on in Congress did not mention their names, the CLC delegates realized that he was talking about Congressmen George P. Miller and Jeffery Coehan of Alameda County: they did vote against the Landrum-Griffin bill being substituted for the other bill; they are therefore among the 201 members of the House who should be reelected in 1960. That, the delegates realized, was what Biemiller was saying.

Biemiller's address to the council followed an analysis which CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash had made of difficult terms of the new law which had been

dwell upon by the labor lawyers at the recent conference on the subject sponsored by the California Labor Federation at Santa Barbara.

Ash had advised the delegates to write to John F. Ryan, Department of Labor field man, whose office is in the Appraisers building, San Francisco, if they were uncertain about some particular point in the new law, and to keep very carefully a file of copies of such letters, sent, and of all letters received in reply. If no reply came within a reasonable time, then make a note of that, he said.

In short, be extremely careful, as the new law is full of tricks.

Biemiller said the law as finally passed, the Senate-House conference version, was bad in many ways, and had deliberately been made bad by skilled anti-labor maneuverers who are now busy organizing study courses in practical politics so that all the "junior executives" of the big corporations will be right out on the precinct firing lines in the 1960 election doing some more dirt to labor.

But, said Biemiller, the McClellan Committee in the earlier phases of its investigations had uncovered some real corruption in some labor unions, organized labor itself had felt that some legislation was required, all the bills entered, even those considered much better, such as the Shelley bill, carried some pretty tough provisions intended to catch crooks who had crept into the labor movement; the Democratic Party had pledged itself to get a control law passed, too, and so the major thing to do was to continue to back the Congressmen who had voted against the worst bill of all, the Landrum-Griffin original bill.

### Lithographers on strike in San Francisco shops

The Lithographers Union, independent, went on strike Monday in San Francisco, 1150 workers quitting some 15 shops. The contract expired October 18.

### CLC amendments' 2nd reading

The Central Labor Council this week gave second reading to amendments to the council's constitution which change the ratio of membership of an affiliated union to the number of delegates it is allowed, and which tighten per capita payment requirements.

The second reading requires only a majority vote to carry, but the third and final reading, next week, Monday, November 30, calls for a two-thirds vote.

There was considerable debate on the amendments at this week's meetings. Spokesmen for

the smaller unions insisted that any device by which voting would be by per capita blocs would give undue power to the larger unions. Spokesmen for larger unions insisted that since they pay a larger share of the per capita tax on which the council's income is based they are entitled to more voice.

It was generally agreed that the amendments as prepared by the law and legislative committee of the council after prolonged consideration by various committees constitute a compromise between the two positions.

### Nat'l Biscuit unit votes 10 to 1 for ABC

Workers at the Special Products Division of the National Biscuit Company at the foot of 14th Street in Oakland voted 10 to 1 in a representational election November 20 to quit the old Bakery & Confectionery Workers Union which was ousted from the AFLCIO on charges of corruption in the top leadership and to join the American Bakery & Confectionery Union which is affiliated with the AFLCIO.

This is the second secession in recent weeks from the old B&C, workers at the Shredded Wheat plant of the National Biscuit Company having voted to secede from Local 125 of the B&C and to form their own Local 125 of the ABC, as the AFLCIO international union is commonly called.

The workers who have just voted to secede will join up with Local 125 of the ABC and be represented in the Central Labor Council.

It is anticipated that other units of the old B&C local will secede and line up with the AFLCIO in the course of time.

The B&C was ousted by the AFLCIO when Jim Cross, the B&C international president, defied the AFLCIO Ethical Practices Committee, which had called his attention to disclosures concerning his conduct as a union officer. The AFLCIO thereupon founded the ABC.

Jim Bayliss was one of the workers at the Special Products Division especially active in the move to join the AFLCIO. Gene DeChristofaro of the office of Daniel W. Flanagan, AFLCIO regional director, worked on the project.

### Auto Machinists vote December 1

East Bay Automotive Machinists Lodge 1546 members will vote Tuesday, December 1, in Hall H, third floor of Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, with polls open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., on choice of a trustee, the executive board, law and legislative committee, delegates to the State Conference of Machinists, and to the Central Labor Council.

### CLC DELEGATES! VOTE ON AMENDMENTS NOV. 30

Delegates to the Central Labor Council are reminded that next Monday, November 30, they will vote on the third and final reading of the proposed constitutional amendments covering changes in representation of locals in the council and rules on per capita.

Secretary Robert S. Ash urges all delegates to attend.

## HOW TO BUY

### Get worthwhile science gifts!

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Consumer Expert for East Bay Labor Journal

Among the busiest people in the new field of space exploration are the toy manufacturers.

But it's far better for a child if you invest your gift money in genuine science equipment than in the novelty-type toys some of the large manufacturers have produced for Christmas. You can spend \$10 for the miniature rocket launcher being advertised on TV. It sounds a siren and pops a plastic projectile into the air. This is supposed to be the hottest item in the toy industry this year (from the seller's point of view). Or you can put that money into a microscope, astronomy kit, physics kit or other science materials of more enduring interest and learning significance.

Since most of a child's playthings for the whole year will be those he gets for Christmas, test the value this way: Can you see the child playing with this item two or three months from now? Does it teach him anything about the world around him? In the case of many mechanical toys on the market, the child's interest may barely survive for weeks.

In general, prices of toys and playthings this Christmas are no higher than last, but still at record levels. One development is that competition of supermarkets and drug chains has forced some of the traditional toy retailers to offer more low-priced toys. Some of the dolls and other playthings sold at low prices by the big-volume retailers are relatively good value. But you have to watch quality. You can buy dolls in the big markets for as little as \$5 or less for big 20-inch models. Just make sure they are the preferred all-vinyl, are fully jointed and have rooted hair.

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price of toys is the high mark-ups. Manufacturers usually mark up toys approximately "four to one", as they say in the industry. A toy that costs \$2.50 to manufacture will have a retail list price of \$8.98 or \$9.98. On a toy that has a list price of, say, \$10, the retailer gets 40 percent of the retail list price and often also a ten percent advertising allowance. He thus pays \$5 for the \$10 toy. The manufacturer also pays a ten percent jobber's or sales commission. His own markup for administrative expense and profit typically may be \$1.50 of the \$10 list price. Thus the cost of distribution is about three times the cost of manufacturing the toy.

Nowadays many stores in the more-competitive urban shopping centers do give discounts of 20-30 percent on toys. If you comparison-shop you shouldn't have to pay more than \$7-\$7.50 for the toy that costs \$2.50 to manufacture.

### Whole family to hospital

New techniques in treatment of mental illness, involving therapy for entire families, were described to the American Orthopsychiatric Association.

The therapy is based, according to the physicians using it experimentally, on the assumption that much severe mental illness is deep-rooted in the conflicting cross-currents of family structure.

Under such a concept, the one family member suffering illness so openly as to become a patient is not necessarily the only one who needs treatment.

Dr. Murray L. Bowen, psychiatrist at the National Institute of Mental Health in Bethesda, Md., described a project in which he has hospitalized 11 entire families for periods up to 33 months and averaging six months each.

### Just the toy for modern boy

A woman stopped at a toy shop to buy a birthday present for her small son. The clerk showed her an educational toy that had to be put together and he spent about 15 minutes explaining the method of construction.

"But isn't this a little complicated for a small boy?" she asked doubtfully.

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## To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

THAT WOMAN who left \$1 to her husband, nothing to her son, and \$600,000 to an animal shelter, was just carrying to an extreme the attitude many of us have toward pets.

It is so easy to get sick and tired of one's fellow human beings, and to turn to a dog, a cat, a cheetah, or what not, for comfort. The animal has the charm of a child; its little failings seem those of immaturity, to be smiled at and forgiven rather than resented.

While a pet will argue with considerable energy that it wants its dinner now, and not two minutes later, that too, is part of the fun: you are the Big Fellow that bestows benefits on the Little Guy, and you enjoy knowing that if you wish to do so you can wait out a full two minutes and keep the Little Guy in suspense. But not much longer than that!

UNFORTUNATELY, too, there are those dreadfully disturbed people who take out their hatred of their fellow human beings in torture or starving of helpless animals. Hearing of such things stirs up those of us who turn to our pets for consolation when we don't like our fellow human beings, and drives us to further extravagances of affection for our fourfooted or feathered friends.

Then there are those horribly normal—or subnormal, which is it?—folks who neither hate nor love animals, but just ignore 'em.

MOST HUSBANDS are surely worth more than a dollar, and most sons are probably worth more than nothing, but there doesn't seem anything morbid about leaving some money to an animal shelter.

At least that's what one feels, if, like the present writer, he has difficulty in imagining what life would be like without Becky the dog and Tippy the cat.

### Home freezers save money?

Does a home freezer save money? That question will probably never be answered once-and-for-all, because there are so many varying factors involved, such as whether a family grows food, size of family, and family eating habits.

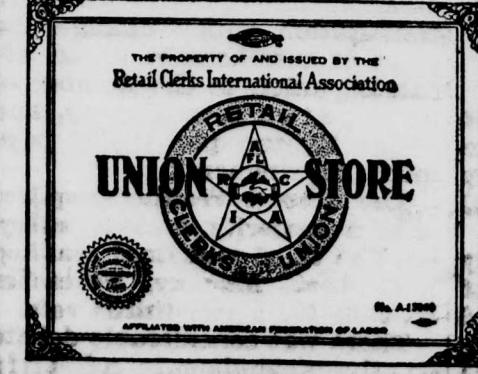
Recently an experiment station interviewed more than 200 homemakers who either owned freezers or rented freezer lockers. The three main advantages of freezers cited by these women were:

1. Convenience of having a variety of food on hand. 2. Money saved. 3. Time saved.

A few of the homemakers said that they did not feel they saved money on food when the cost of the freezer was counted in. A common comment was, "It's so convenient though, that I couldn't get along without it."

## BOOST THE LABEL! BUY UNION LABEL PRODUCTS ONLY

When making purchases, always ask for the union label. If building a home or repairing one, see that the men doing the plumbing or steamfitting work, painting, etc., belong to the union. Ask to see their Card. Boost the union emblem and help yourself. Patronize and demand the following union cards:



## Thanksgiving 1959

By EDITH McCONN

We don't drive over the river,  
We don't go through the wood.  
Indeed to grandma's far-famed house  
In thought alone we go.

But we do have our turkey  
And trimmings, as of yore,  
The pumpkin pie and mince meat,  
Though mostly not the snow.

Dear is our tale of Pilgrims,  
Their famine and their feast.  
We don't forget their happy day  
Though it was long ago.

Gone, now, are wood and river.  
In this, our clime, no snow.  
Yet to this far-off place and time  
In memory we do go

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## Federation board asks Governor to confer on water

The executive council of the California Labor Federation, AFLCIO, meeting in Santa Barbara, requested that Governor Brown confer with a 14-member committee of the council on the lack of anti-monopoly, anti-speculation protections in the state water program.

The action was taken in an effort to find out what the Governor is planning to do about unjust enrichment protections in the state water program enacted by the legislature this year for submission to the voters in November 1960.

Governor Brown said at the Federation convention in San Diego that his Administration was opposed to the enrichment of monopoly landholders under the program, and stated that he would seek the necessary protections before the \$1.75 billion water bond issue goes to a vote of the people. Thus far, his Administration has been studying the matter, but has not indicated what protections will be offered to the people.

Delegates to the Federation's San Diego convention urged Governor Brown "to convene the California legislature in special session prior to the vote . . . for the specific purpose of enacting ironclad protections to preclude the unjust enrichment and permanent enthronement of a small group of giant landholders who own and control the bulk of land in the proposed San Joaquin Valley — Southern California Aqueduct which will carry water south over the Tehachapis to the southern part of the state."

The delegates warned that the people have a right to know the amount of enrichment that is involved in the Governor's program and what protections they will have against this enrichment. — California Labor Federation.

## Voting record of Congress issued

WASHINGTON — An analysis of the record of the first session of the 86th Congress has been issued by the AFLCIO Department of Legislation.

The 46-page pamphlet — Labor Looks At Congress . . . 1959 — gives the detailed legislative history of the Landrum-Griffin Act and the party record on key roll calls in the House and Senate.

Also covered is the record on other labor legislation and on legislation in the fields of the general welfare, the extension of democracy and public power and natural resources, and the AFLCIO program for the next session.

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**FIRST TO RETIRE** from the Bakery Division of Retail Food Clerks 870 under the Food Pension Plan, Mrs. Janet Nash is shown receiving the precious document from Harris Wilkin, secretary-treasurer of the union, with President Charles Jones to the right. Mrs. Nash has 15 years accredited service; her employer paid advance premiums to the trust fund, permitting her to retire as of September 1. Unless advance payments are made by the employers, the bakery and candy salespeople cannot retire until January 1, 1961. Mrs. Nash will receive \$50.05 per month pension. Retail Food Clerks 870 is observing the 25th anniversary of its founding.

## Office Employees' food trade pact

A two year contract has been negotiated by Office Employees Local 29 and the food industry of Alameda County covering 200 office employees.

The settlement includes average wage increases of \$5.50 per week effective November 1, 1959; \$4.00 per week wage increase and \$2.00 per week in the Union's Pension Plan on November 1, 1960.

The new wage rates will range from \$67.00 per week for a beginner clerk with no previous office experience to \$95.00 per week for an Advanced Clerk.

PBX operators will receive \$88.00 per week and comptometer operators from \$88.00 to \$91.00 per week.

Business Representative John Kinnick of Local 29 reports the settlement was ratified on November 17 by a secret ballot vote of the union members.

## 50 colleges' students put questions to labor

WASHINGTON — How do unions know what their members want? How does labor's interest square with the public interest before Congress? Will labor start a third party?

Questions like these came out of the group of 97 alert college students who visited AFLCIO headquarters to learn something of organized labor's aspirations and operations. The students, representing some 50 colleges and universities, are attending a "Washington Semester" operated by American University.

## Tribune editorial room votes 125-51 to join the Guild

The San Francisco - Oakland Newspaper Guild won an NLRB-conducted representational election November 19 in which the workers in the editorial department voted 125 to 51 to disband the Oakland Tribune Editorial Employees Association, independent, and choose the Guild as collective bargaining agent.

Of the 182 who voted, 2 voted for no-union, and 4 ballots were challenged.

The Guild from its founding around 1934 showed strength in the Hearst paper then in Oakland, the Post-Enquirer, and soon won a contract with management there. But several elections failed to win the Tribune's editorial employees.

The so-called Tribune Editorial Association was considered a company union by Guildsmen, its practice being to wait until the Guild contract with the San Francisco papers, and, earlier, with the Post-Enquirer, now defunct, had been worked out, and then to "achieve" a roughly similar contract with the Tribune.

But during the period former Senator William Knowland has been moving the furniture around on the Tribune, the workers decided they'd go all out for a real union.

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## Labor is urged to help win Crusade

Central Labor Council Assistant Secretary Art Hellender has urged all labor people who have not yet contributed to the United Crusade drive to do so at once, as Alameda County now has reached 91.4% of its quota, and consequently is seemingly for once going to reach its quota.

Alameda County has contributed \$2,401,238 already.

San Francisco leads the five counties in the United Bay Area Crusade in amount collected.

### COPE MEETING DECEMBER 8

The next meeting of COPE will be held at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 8. Executive Committee at 7:00 p.m.

## Definite decrease in California major crimes

A definite decrease in the number of major crimes committed in California has been recorded for the first half of 1959, says Attorney General Stanley Mosk.



## Santa's Here

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## Toyland is Brimming Over! Toys and Toys and Toys



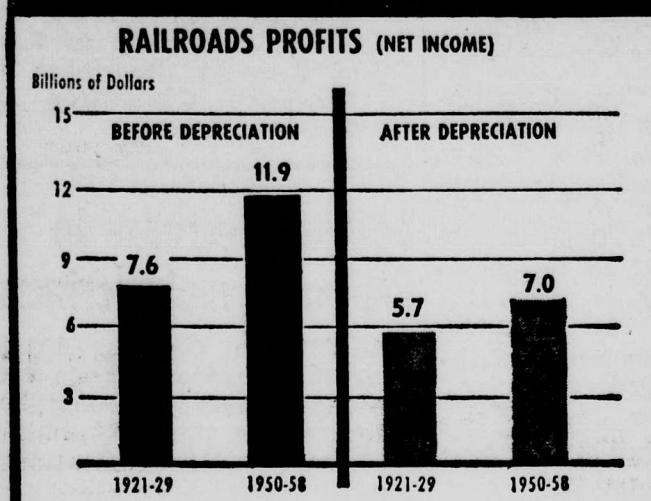
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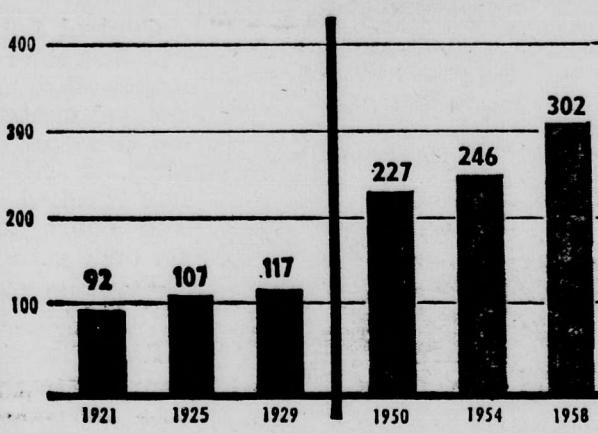
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## OUTPUT IN TRAFFIC UNITS PER MAN-HOUR



## Heartland, U. S. A., vast 'super city' of St. Louis labor

ST. LOUIS—The leading role which the labor movement of this area, as represented by the St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO, is to play in the most profound and far-reaching aspects of the life of the community was set forth when the Council held one of its twice-a-month sessions and heard its Secretary, Oscar A. Ehrhardt, report on the Council's present and future work in the development of water resources for "Heartland, U.S.A." — a vast super-city, super-industrial area centered on St. Louis but stretching for great distances all around this city.

Speaking without notes, Secretary Ehrhardt told Council delegates of labor's participation in a Water Resources for Industry Conference in connection with rapidly developing of the super-city, "Heartland, U.S.A." a "city" stretching for miles on either side of the Mississippi and incorporating — although not necessarily politically — St. Louis, East St. Louis and much surrounding territory. — St. Louis Labor Tribune

## Bakery Drivers in study of new law

Some 500 members of Bakery Drivers 432 attended the November 16 meeting at which Robert LeProhn of the law firm formerly headed by Mathew O. Tobriner, now a State Appeals Judge, outlined some of the major clauses of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act.

Secretary Les Benham says that the members were pleased to learn from the attorney's statements that their union is democratically organized. But they also were informed of many strict new rules affecting secondary boycott, picketing, elections, and reporting of transactions to the Government.

Many questions were asked and answered during the meeting.

## Painters Local No. 127

By J. S. MILLER

Had no report last week on the glorious dinner and dance because we were waiting to hear how everyone enjoyed it. There were no kicks, so we are taking it for granted that everyone had a good time, even though some of us wondered how we got home the next morning.

During the coming week all members will receive a Pension Trust form which every member is requested to read very carefully and answer all questions. This is very important as your answers will determine the amount of pension you will receive when payments are started.

The only thing you are asked to do is sign, seal and put it in the mail box.

December 15, 1959 is the final date for the mailing of this completed form. Failure to comply with this request will automatically cancel any prior work record credits under the Bay Area Painters Pension Trust Fund.

For mailing, please fold the form as per instructions so that the Bay Area Painters Trust Fund address appears on the outside of the folded form. No postage is necessary as it will be paid by the Pension Trust Fund office. Just seal and mail.

Next weeks column you will have a breakdown of the new wage structure as required by the general office. I hope everyone will watch for this as it affects all members except life members, that is, beneficial, honorary and apprentices.

## Typographical Auxiliary

By FREDA CRIPPS

At our last business meeting, November 10, we learned with regret that our past president and member for many years, Ada Bean, is moving to Willows. A gift was presented to her and we wished her happiness in her new home. The table was beautifully decorated by the hostesses, May Marquand and Mary Stapleton.

The whist party at the home of Wilma Hackett was outstanding and we were proud to entertain husbands and friends.

Our next meeting will be De-

cember 3 at 10:30 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 3245 Sheffield Avenue, Oakland. A no-host luncheon will be served.

December 14 is the date set for a Christmas luncheon at the home of Elizabeth Fee, 2249 Oregon Street, Berkeley. Please make reservations with the hostess or the secretary.

Alma Strong has returned to work after an extended illness.

The auxiliary is again serving coffee at meetings of the Oakland Typographical Union.

## Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

You will remember, if you were present at the September meeting, that the Union had a general discussion on the insurance program. The discussion took into operating costs, as well as the type of coverage that we provide our members.

The one thing that the members at the September meeting agreed upon was to reduce the weekly disability benefits from 52 weeks to 26 weeks. There have been a number of conferences with the insurance broker as well as attempts to get bids from other insurance companies. This has kept us busy for some time.

We are not going to give you the details at this moment as to what has been negotiated, because we do not as yet have the signatures, but we can inform you that there will be some slight improvements in the coverage as well as some increased costs. We hope to have communications in the mail to only those members who will be affected by the increased costs within a few weeks.

Although this may reach you the day before or the day after Thanksgiving Day, we would like to wish all members our belated good wishes for an enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday.

## Steel Machinists I304

By DAVE ARCA

We hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving. Christmas is only four weeks away. Now is the season of Christmas carols, Santa Claus, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

On behalf of our betrayed Pabco members, may we extend special greetings to the following outstanding Americans?

To the executives of Fibreboard who callously pre-empted the job rights of 53 faithful employees, 27 of whom are still un-

employed, we wish a feeling of fulfillment.

To the management of Pabco who protested the benefits of our unemployed Pabco members, we wish a feeling of accomplishment.

To the rank and file union men who crossed our 1304 picket line in covered trucks to help Pabco smother our protest, we hope you regain your self respect.

To union leaders who connived with Pabco to destroy the livelihood of 53 workers, we pity you. Merry Christmas.

## XI, Section 2, of the Labor Agreement.

If you are employed by an employer and are traveling into an area where the above language entitles you to travel time or travel expense, first request same from your employer and second upon failure of your employer to so pay, please contact the office of the District Council TWinoaks 3-2966 and we will immediately proceed to collect same for you.

Your District Council is set up and is operating for the purpose of taking care of all of the problems connected with your employment and any violations of the Bay Area Painters & Decorators Joint Committee Agreement that you may observe on any job, please call the District Council office and one of the 6 Business Representatives employed by you through the District Council, will be dispatched to correct your problem.

Copies of the Bay Area Painters & Decorators Joint Committee Agreement for the years of July 1, 1959 to July 1, 1962 are now printed and in the office of your Local Union. We urge you to pick up a copy of this agreement so that you may know the benefits contained therein as well as the responsibilities of a member of the union in seeing to it that the terms and conditions of the Agreement are carried out.

## Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAN

First a notice of an auction sale to be conducted on Friday, December 4th in the basement (I think) of the hall. This is to be two sets of tools one, just one box full, the other a couple of boxes. These were the tools of two good mechanics. Terms are cash on the barrel all returns go to the widows. The high bidder takes the item and I repeat cash on the line. No refunds, no exchanges.

I am going to try a short recap of some of our operations for the year. A sad note that thirty eight of our brothers have passed on to rest and we wish them well and remember them kindly.

We now have ninety nine brothers on the pension rolls (Bay District Pension) who are drawing over thirty six hundred dollars per month in addition to Social Security etc. Some gain from the old days I think.

There are still some brothers who have Vacation Funds that should be drawn so take note as one of these days these trustees are going to enforce the agreement and you will be having a job to get it late. We collected some money owed to a brother for work done in the Fall of 1957 the other day which establishes some kind of record I think. He had good records to help us by the way.

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# OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

## AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, December 1, 1959, in Hall A on the first floor of the Labor Temple.

It will be a special meeting for the election of officers. The voting machines will be in Hall H on the third floor. The polls will be open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 9:00 p.m.

Apprentices who attend the meeting will be excused.

Sample ballots have been sent by mail to all members. In order to avoid delay, it is suggested that you circle your choice on the sample ballot before coming in to vote; and be sure to bring your dues book with you.

Fraternally,  
A. J. HAYES,  
Recording Secretary

## AUTOMOBILE SALESMEN 1095

Please be advised that the next regular meeting of Automobile Salesmen 1095, will be held December 8, 1959 at 8:00 p.m.

Location: Cooks Hall, 1608 Webster Street, Oakland. All members should attend this meeting.

Fraternally,  
ALBERT R. SILVA,  
Secretary

## HAYWARD CULINARY 823

All three meetings of this union will be held on the third Tuesday of the month, the first at 9:30 a.m., the second at 2:30 p.m., and the third at 8:00 p.m. at the union headquarters.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, December 15.

Fraternally,  
ROY WOODS,  
Secretary-Treasurer

## MILLMEN 550

**ELECTION NOTICE!**  
Due to the death of our recording secretary, M. D. Cincinato, on October 3, the office of recording secretary is vacant.

November 20, 1959, will be election day. The ballot box will be open all day from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. The meeting of this date will be held in Hall D of the Labor Temple, second floor.

Also, nomination and election of a "pension commiteman" or "trustee" to serve on our forthcoming Mill Cabinet Pensions Plan will be held at the same time.

Fraternally yours,  
GEORGE E. WHITE,  
President

## UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

The next meeting will be held Friday, November 20, 1959, 8:00 p.m. 2315 Valdez Street, Hall "C", Oakland.

Fraternally,  
DOROTHY McDAD, Recording Secretary

## CLERKS, LUMBER HANDLERS 939

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no meeting on Friday, November 27, 1959.

Fraternally yours,  
A. R. ESTES,  
Recording Secretary

## HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

In the near future, members of Local 1178 will receive a printed form from the Pension Fund. It is very important that all members fill out the form as soon as possible. The more signatures to these forms the greater the effect on our status in the plan.

Fraternally yours,  
ROBERT G. MILLER  
Recording Secretary

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## HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

The Friday, November 27 meeting has been cancelled because of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The Friday, December 4 meeting has been cancelled and changed to December 3 at 8:00 p.m., 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward, California

This change to Thursday in place of Friday was made because a certain party has an annual lease of the halls for their Christmas Party leased at a good price.

Watch this space for further dates and events through the month of December.

Fraternally yours,  
MARIUS WALDAL  
Recording Secretary

## STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 342

Registrations of officers for the years 1960-61 were opened at the membership meeting held October 15. The first reading of registrants was held at our membership meeting November 5, 1959.

Registrations were closed on November 12, 1959 at 9:00 p.m.

The election will be held on Sunday, December 13, 1959 in Hall "D" of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California.

The polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The election will be held in accordance with the bylaws of this Union, the United Association constitution and the Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959.

Fraternally yours,  
JAMES MARTIN,  
Financial Secretary and  
Business Manager

## BERKELEY PAINTERS LOCAL 40

Our next regular meeting of November 27, 1959 has been canceled due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Our next meeting will be held Friday, December 11, 1959.

The Executive Board will meet November 28, 1959 at 7:00 p.m. to pay expenses and take care of any necessary business.

We regret to report the deaths of brothers Oscar Zipper and Emil Sandell. The members of Local 40 send deepest sympathy to their families.

Fraternally yours,  
GENE SLATER,  
Recording Secretary

## AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next regular meeting will be held December 1 in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, at 8:00 p.m.

Fraternally,  
LESLIE K. MOORE,  
Business Representative

## CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

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## CARPENTERS 36

There will be no meeting Friday, November 27, 1959, because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

The first two Fridays at 8:00 p.m. December 4th and 11th, will be our monthly regular meetings during the month of December, 1959.

On December 18, 1959, all carpenters and their families are invited to attend a joint Carpenters 36 and Ladies Auxiliary Children's Christmas Party at Carpenters Hall, 761 12th Street, Oakland, California.

Our regular meeting of the educational committee will be postponed for the month of December, 1959.

There will be no meeting during the holiday period on December 25, 1959, and January 1st, 1960.

Fraternally yours,  
OSCAR N. ANDERSON  
Recording Secretary

## UC EMPLOYEES 371

The next regular meeting of UC Employees Local 371 will be held at Colombo Hall, 5321 Claremont Ave., on December 5, 1959 at 2:00 p.m. The Executive Board will meet at the same place at 12:30.

The committee on our Christmas party would like all members to sign up with Martinez, Larcher or Martin, so we can get an idea on how many dinners to order. Remember that members are free, but

a \$1.00 charge will be made for members' wives and guests.

The party will be held at Bellini's Restaurant, 4125 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland, on Saturday, December 12, 1959 at 7:00 p.m., so plan to attend and have a good time with your fellow members.

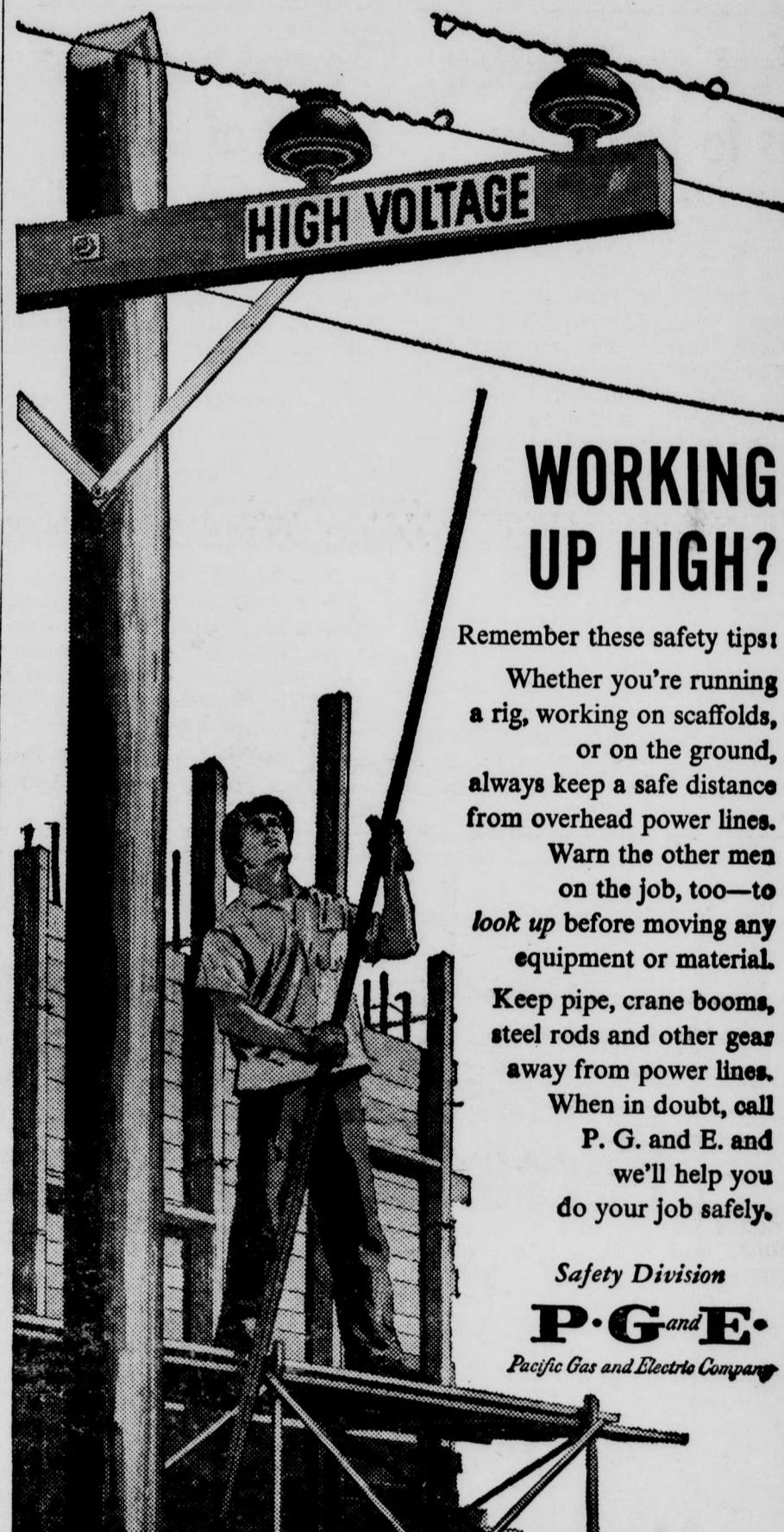
Fraternally yours,  
C. F. MARTIN,  
Secretary

## Christian Science talk December 1st

"The availability of dominion over material limitations of every kind" will be emphasized in a public lecture on Christian Science in the edifice of Fourth Church of Christ, Scientist, 1330 Lakeshore Avenue, Oakland, next Tuesday evening, December 1, at 8 o'clock by Herbert E. Rieke of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Mr. Rieke, a former Air Force chaplain, is on nationwide tour as a member of the Christian Science board of Lectureship.

**INLAND BOATMEN**, on strike since May 16, this week rejected an offer by the petroleum barge owners, largely because of unsatisfactory overtime terms.



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**SHEET METAL WORKERS 216** Business Manager Lloyd Child (left) is shown presenting the first pension checks from the Northern California Sheet Metal Workers Pension Trust Fund to (seated, from left) Waldo J. Walker, Mortimer J. Rule, A. N. Mortimer and Louis D. Mahlstedt and (standing, from left) Grover B. Stromberg, Edwin E. Klatt, George A. Germain, J. E. Chun and William Armstrong. (Picture, courtesy of Oakland Tribune).

## Just one solution is to join union

If this is interpreted as detracting from any of the good work public agencies and public spirited citizens have done in behalf of hired farm labor, that certainly isn't the intention; surely the services they have performed in the past will be used as support for work that must come in the future.

It matters not how much the conditions in California's "factories in the fields" are exposed, it makes little difference on how many reports are made on the illegal employment of imported labor from Mexico, it makes little difference on the number of hired farm hands on the fabulous west side of Fresno and other valley counties, but the one thing that will make a difference is the National Agricultural Workers Union, AFLCIO.—W. T. O'Rear, secretary Fresno Labor Council.

## 'Do-goodism' fine target of dailies

"Let's punish the child because his parents weren't married. Let him starve!"

This primitive and barbaric idea—or something very close to it—is now being advocated by both of Portland's daily newspapers.

The Oregonian and the Oregon Journal have found a new crusade. They are crusading against "immorality" and "sponging" by persons who receive public welfare assistance, and against "do-goodism" by welfare workers and administrators.

Their crusade is a newspaper publisher's dream. It offers unlimited opportunity for righteous indignation and moral fervor. It cries boldly against "waste of the taxpayer's dollar."

And best of all, its victims can't talk back—Oregon Labor Press.

## Real negotiations were started then

Milt Brown and Sam Johnson were enjoying a bit of strip trolling. Milt, relaxing back afloat, drawled out: "Ya' know, Sam, fishing ain't what it used to be. I can remember the day when I could catch a couple of 70 lb. striped bass from this bay in the morning, and spend the afternoon a-snoozin' on the bank."

"Yeh," replied Sam, "I can remember the day when I could do likewise, especially the time when I hooked into something that took me an hour to land. Turned out to be a ship's lantern, 50 years old and the dang thing was still lit."

Milt was stunned for a minute, but quickly gained his composure, offering the whole compromise: "Lookee here, Sam, I'll take 50 pounds off them striped bass, if you'll just put out the light in the lantern." — Union Leader (Chicago)

## First pension checks handed 18 members Sheet Metal 216

A social gathering was held Friday evening, November 13, at the Oakland Labor Temple by Sheet Metal Workers Local 216 for the purpose of issuing first pension checks to be paid by the Northern California Sheet Metal Workers Pension Trust Fund to eligible members of the local and to also issue 25-year pins to ten members of the local with twenty five or more years of continuous good standing in the Sheet Metal Workers International Association.

Eighteen members of Local No. 216 were eligible for pension payments from the plan which covers the Northern California area and approximately five thousand members.

Lloyd Child, business manager of Local No. 216, presented pension checks.

Warren J. Payne, president of

Local No. 216, presented 25-year pins.

After the presentation of checks and pins, refreshments were served, followed by dancing.

The following members received pension checks:

William Armstrong, Milton W. Bennest, Herman B. Christian, J. E. Chun, George Coemann, George A. Germain, Harry Giebel, Alfred Gomes, Edwin E. Klatt, Ernest Hakala, Henry J. Hansen, Louis D. Mahlstedt, A. N. Mortimer, Roy L. Rich, Mortimer J. Rule, Walter H. Sprague, Grover B. Stromberg, Waldo J. Walker.

The following members received Twenty-Five Year Pins:

Kenneth R. Ferrell, Donald R. Kennedy, I. W. Heyerman, A. W. Marr, William Nickals, Maurice E. Rehfuss, Joseph Vierra, Grover B. Stromberg.

## Business agent is not going to tell Uncle his record

Business Agent Al Brown of the North Coast Counties District Council of Carpenters has announced he will not sign any affidavit certifying he has a clean record or any other kind of a record.

Brown said he has read outlines of the new labor bill which will require that union officers certify they have not committed certain offenses or been members of certain unpopular organizations.

"It makes me sick that labor is taking this thing lying down," Brown said.

"If we ourselves go along with this we are contributing to the destruction of the labor movement.

"I, for one, have no intention of signing any affidavit that I am not an ex-convict. If any so-and-so want to accuse me, it's up to him to dig up the evidence and prove it.

"The principle that a man is innocent until proven guilty is a fundamental of our system of justice.

"It's not up to me to prove that I did not commit a rape last week.

"If I have been in jail, that's a matter of public record. That's their problem to find the record. It's not up to me to tell them or file an affidavit with the attorney-general or anyone." — Valley Labor Citizen.

## Religion and labor fellowship starts

INDIANAPOLIS — A Religion and Labor Fellowship has been chartered here with E. T. Windham, head of the Marion County Central Labor Council, serving as president and Rev. Frank V. H. Carthy as religious co-chairman. Verna Cox, a member of Local 101, Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers, is secretary.

The William Green memorial charter was presented by Charles C. Webber, AFLCIO representative for religious relations, on behalf of the Religion and Labor Foundation. The presentation luncheon was attended by 12 clergymen and 14 local labor leaders.

The fellowship was the 10th organized during the past year as part of an expanded program of bringing together labor and clergy made possible by a \$25,000 grant from the William Green Memorial Fund.

The foundation's field secretary, Rev. Alexander Dandar, helped set it up. — AFLCIO News.

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## Guild leader says State paper might do a better job

Sam Eubanks, executive secretary of the San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild, delivered the first major address at the tenth annual Labor Press Conference in Santa Barbara November 20-21, and so startled the assembled labor paper editors and paper board members that his ideas kept coming up throughout the conference as other speakers commented on them.

Eubanks centered his fire on the papers published by or sponsored by central labor bodies or by craft councils such as the building trades councils. These are commonly called "council papers."

The Guild leader said that seemingly some \$250,000 a year of union dues money is spent on council papers in California; that at most they reach, many of them in a rather feeble way, some 200,000 readers.

Why not, he asked, consider consolidating our resources, including this \$250,000, and establish a Statewide paper containing the information labor people in both ends of the State need if they are to vote intelligently on major issues of the day?

Eubanks said that this proposal might at the present time have special relevance, as due to the passing of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act every union would need more and better written information, yet would have to hire more lawyers and incur various new expenses, and so might be less inclined to support the present council papers.

Eubanks' proposal, though much of it was wrapped up in suave terminology such as that perhaps "we need careful study and re-evaluation of the role of the council papers," created somewhat of a sensation.

One man got up and asked if there was some kind of a scheme afoot "to shove Neil Haggerty's notions down our throats." Tommy Pitts, president of the California Labor Federation, hastily explained that the Federation office hadn't had the slightest warning that Eubanks was going to propose this plan. And later Haggerty told the gathering that even if such a paper as Eubanks proposed were established, certainly it would not be the job of the Federation to run it.

Some delegates to the conference assumed that Eubanks, who since the merger has become one of the vice presidents of the California Federation, did not realize that the fact that he now holds this office might lead some to assume that his idea was sponsored by the Federation moguls. But those who know Eubanks well realized that he was, in his own independent fashion, tossing out some good raw meat for the animals to chew on—which they certainly did.

Lack of space and writing-time forbids reporting other interesting features of the conference, but two should be mentioned. One was the talk by Helen Nelson, the newly appointed Consumer Counsel, who made it plain she was going to make haste slowly, but indicated some very interesting lines of research and disclosure. The other was the concluding talk by Neil Haggerty, outlining the tremendous job the labor press faces in this time of troubles.

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## BTC president advises study of Big Business in politics

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said that he felt sure from observing the reaction of business men to the speech by Motley that a great many of them right here in this community are going to buy this set of materials and get going on the project.

There is a Discussion Leader's Manual for Action Course in Practical Politics which is sold by the chamber for \$12; then there is a set of 8 pamphlets for \$6.

Pruss said that the nine workshops take up the following subjects:

1. The Individual in Politics;
2. Political Party Organization;
3. The Political Precinct;
4. The Political Campaign;
5. Political Clubs;
6. The Political Leader's Problem;
7. Political Meetings;
8. Businessmen in Politics;
9. The Politicians Speak.

Pruss said that he was thinking of recommending the purchase of these materials by the council.

"We not only need to plan our own political activity, but we need to learn what the management groups are planning to do in politics," he said. "Maybe we can learn something by studying their materials and methods."

### SAFETY AWARDS

BTC Secretary John Davy read a letter from Secretary C. J. Haggerty of the California Labor Federation announcing that the federation plans to give annual safety certificate awards to "those local unions who have done the most in the past year in promoting safety and occupational health programs."

Haggerty asked that any BTC affiliate having a safety and health program would please send it to him, with a "brief summary of the activities of your union in carrying out this program in the past year."

### CIVIL RIGHTS

Albin J. Gruhn, chairman, State Federation committee on civil rights, sent a booklet, entitled "Labor and Civil Rights," as a "reminder of the need to implement the federation's policies and programs in the field of civil rights."

### D. C. CUMMINGS CASE

Bruce Dillashaw, acting business representative during the absence of J. L. Childers at the Santa Barbara conference on the new Labor Act, reported that D. C. Cummings, accountants contractor, had appeared at the November 17 meeting of the Board of Business Agents in answer to a citation, had at first agreed to sign the Lathers' agreement, but then had said he'd take the agreement home to study.

### LOW INCOME HOUSING

A delegate asked why it was that Business Representative Childers had spoken so strongly before the council on the need for the construction of housing for low income families who would lose their present homes due to urban renewal projects, yet Childers as a member of the

subcommittee of the Citizens Committee had signed a report seemingly indicating that such low income housing was not needed.

Vice President Al Thoman explained that the subcommittee of which Childers was a member had dealt with only a limited group of families which would lose their present homes in connection with one renewal project, and that the report Childers signed was accurate so far as that limited group was concerned.

President Pruss added that Childers had sent a letter to the City Council pointing out that there was still needed a survey of the total situation, and the need for housing for low income families as other urban renewal projects got under way.

The City Council, Pruss reminded the delegates, had deferred the whole matter for several weeks, and it was expected there would be no vote on the matter until the return of Mayor Rishell from abroad.

### DEAVERS' ADVICE

A reported in last week's East Bay Labor Journal, State BTC President Bryan Deavers sent the BTC here the opinion of counsel that all affiliates should refrain from making charitable donations so long as the effect of the new Labor Act remains unclarified.

Deavers went on to say:

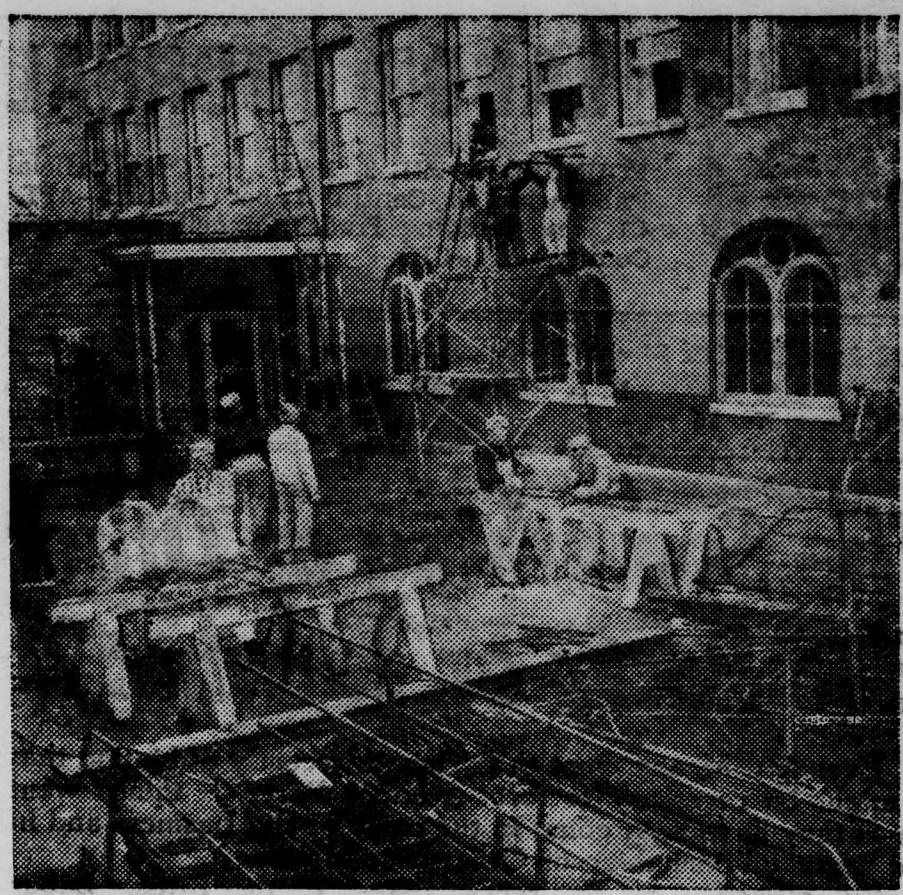
"With this opinion at hand the executive board felt it imperative that all affiliates should be requested to refrain from making any donations or contributions to any charitable organization and that they be urged to call attention by letter to those requesting such donation to the fact that some of our Congressmen from California helped make this decision. The Congressmen to whom we refer are those that voted for the Landrum-Griffin bill which, in the case of most local unions and councils, prohibits them from donating to charities as they formerly did."

"Let us once again remind you that with the exception of Congressman John Baldwin of Contra Costa County, all Republican Congressmen from California voted for the Landrum-Griffin bill and proved by that vote that they favored no contributions to local or other charities and community efforts by labor."

### Cable-handling vessel is to have NMU workers

NEW YORK — The National Labor Relations Board has certified the Maritime Union as collective bargaining representative for the unlicensed crew of the cable-handling vessel "All America."

Certification was based on results of an NLRB poll in which all 42 eligible seamen voted for the NMU. — AFLCIO News.



"IF JUST ONE LIFE should be saved . . . we'd all feel good," said an ironworker who, with co-workers from Chicago's Structural Ironworkers Local 1 and Ornamental Ironworkers Local 63, volunteered to work on days off to add two fire escapes from a razed hotel to St. Veronica's Elementary School. The unions originated the project by suggesting it to the wrecking contractor.

## Labor Act biggest fraud ever inflicted on labor: Haggerty

"The new labor law represents the greatest fraud ever perpetrated to secure public sanction for placing unions in a legal strait jacket and hamstringing their effective operation."

C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation, AFLCIO, issued this blast as an expression of deep-seated resentment on the part of the state AFLCIO executive council toward those responsible for the enactment of the so-called Landrum-Griffin Bill by Congress this year.

The 36-member executive council met in Santa Barbara on the eve of the four-day educational conference on the new labor law at the Mar Monte Hotel.

Haggerty unleashed a broad attack on the law as some 350 trade unionists from throughout the state settled down for intensive study of the Act's many anti-labor provisions.

"We hold the President personally responsible as the number one lobbyist in securing the enactment of the Landrum-Griffin Bill," Haggerty said, and charged further, "His TV appeal to the public when the measure was before Congress set the standard for moral bankruptcy that rocked the public in the recent revelations of TV program frauds."

These remarks of the state AFLCIO leader were given a solid base in a review of the development of labor in the United States presented to conference participants.

Sam Kagel, University of California law professor, opened the conference on the new labor law

with a broad review of labor law history, which pinpointed the growing restrictions placed on trade union activities in each of the areas of Landrum-Griffin's new curbs added to the Taft-Hartley Act.

Kagel also pointed to areas of public ignorance in regard to the other provisions in the first six titles of the new law, designed to place far-reaching regulations on the internal affairs of trade unions.

"The public has generally been made to believe that, prior to the enactment of the Landrum-Griffin Bill, there was no body of law regulating the internal affairs of the unions," Kagel said.

"Nothing could be farther from the truth," he added, and went on to review most of the specific areas of internal regulations that already exist in common law. The law professor indicated that every one of the malpractices revealed by the McClellan Committee could have been prosecuted under existing common law if the parties accused were actually guilty.

Organized labor has repeatedly attacked the new law as a camouflage for big business efforts to destroy the effectiveness of bona fide labor organizations.—California Labor Federation.

AL BROWN, former president of the Central Labor Council, and Daniel W. Flanagan, AFLCIO regional director, were guests of the CLC at the meeting this week to hear the address of Andrew J. Biemiller, chief legislative agent of the AFLCIO, on the history of the new Labor Act.

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## The Something or Other Else Party or so what?

Even Mr. Meany went to the length recently of hinting that it might be necessary to form a Labor Party, if things went on as they have been going in the party of Big Business and in the party of Something-or-Other-Else-Maybe.

But reflection on the recent defeat of the British Labor Party doesn't give much encouragement to this dream which many—not Meany—love to entertain.

The painful truth is that the British Labor Party, in a country far more "class conscious" than ours, starting about 1900, spent 45 years getting to the point, in 1945, where it had a real working majority in Parliament, and since then has lost strength in four elections, even though in 1950 it won one of these with a very narrow majority. But now it has lost three in succession.

The rise of the Labor Party in Britain reduced the old Liberal Party to a very small group, but now it looks as though the Labor Party is destined to become a liberal party with a small "L," much like our own party of Something-or-Other-Else-Maybe.

Our destiny as working people of America seems to be, still, to try to build a Labor Bloc, to wonder what to do with our strange "allies," the Confederate Army, and to keep on batting back "right to work" tennis balls as hard as granite.

## 36 or 57 cents per hour

Mr. Eisenhower, backing Mr. Benson the Secretary of Agriculture, is sending up some trial balloons for a new type of farm program. He faces, as does any President, a real problem in this big sector of our economy.

We should not allow our annoyance with the Associated Farmers and their ilk to blind us to the fact that the returns to many hardworking farmers are very low. The U. S. Department of Agriculture released figures recently showing that in 1958, a supposedly good year for agriculture, the return per hour to the operator and his family labor on a Northeastern dairy farm was 79 cents; in Wisconsin, from 36 to 57 cents. Wheat returns, or wages, let's call 'em, ranged from 17 cents per hour on State of Washington farms to \$2.90 on the southern plains.

As for cotton, the return per hour ranged from 29 cents an hour for the scabblers to \$4.99 for the big boys.

The above figures give some faint idea of the size of the problem.

## Consumer Interest Committee

The Consumer Interest Committee of the Central Labor Council undoubtedly has before it some interesting battles in which to participate. Consumer Counsel Helen Nelson will need plenty of backing from organized labor if her new office and her earnest efforts are going to mean anything.

Congressman James Roosevelt's recent subcommittee hearing in the Bay Area on the question of whether or not Safeway and other big chains are able to force growers and processors to sell to them at a very low price, without benefit either to independent merchant or consumer gave a hint of the size of problem Consumer Counsel Nelson faces.

Labor people often say they are consumers as well as producers, but in the past have shown a tendency to side with management on the producer-high-price end. How do we stand now?

## Some Commie Truth-telling

When the New York Times correspondent was expelled from Poland recently, he protested that his stories had been true. The reply of the Polish Foreign Ministry was:

"The question of falseness is not the question. You have probed too deeply into affairs concerning the Communist Party and the leadership."

Give that bunch of Commies credit for an honest answer! It ain't, Comrade, whether it's true, it's whether it's convenient.

## Ideal gift for Ike

Tiffany's in New York advertise a 14-carat gold putter for \$1,475, and point out that if you get too poor to play golf, the putter could be melted into a lump of salable gold.

Seems like an ideal gift for the steel magnates to send President Eisenhower for Christmas, as a slight token of their gratitude to him for Tee-Haitching off on the steel workers.

## Fallout



## MEANY'S APPEAL FOR AID TO STEEL UNION

Following is the text of a letter sent by AFLCIO President George Meany to all officers of national and international unions, state and city central bodies, and directly affiliated unions, urging a massive stepup of labor support for the Steelworkers to assure the union's ultimate triumph despite the court-approved 80-day injunction:

The federal court has enjoined the United Steelworkers of America from striking for the next 80 days under the provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act. This action has now been upheld by an 8-1 majority of the U. S. Supreme Court.

More than ever, the issue is now joined. More than ever, it is an issue, not just between the United Steelworkers of America and the steel industry, but between the American labor movement and the forces of reaction in big business.

More than ever, it is incumbent upon all of us to do our utmost in support of the United Steelworkers, not only for their sake but for our own.

Under the terms of the injunction, the workers must return to their jobs for a period of 80 days. In these 80 days the steel companies will be free to produce and to profit under the terms existing prior to the strike. The Steelworkers have no choice but to obey the injunction during this 80-day period.

But the rest of the trade union movement can—and will—use this period to become prepared for the battle that seems certain to begin again the day this injunction expires.

Certainly it is obvious that the atmosphere of compulsion imposed by this injunction will not promote a settlement of the dispute between the parties. It is obvious that the steel industry has sought this means to break the spirit of the workers and thus compel them to accept the infamous demands that precipitated the strike.

We must make it clear beyond question, to the steel workers and to the nation, that free Americans will not be whipped by employers or injunctions.

We must make it clear beyond

### 'The reason'

We are in politics for the same reason that our people have taken the beatings from the company goons, for the same reason that our people have gone to prison in order to defend their union.

That is the reason we are in politics; not to run the country, not to turn it over to any foreign system—but we are in it to preserve the American trade union movement and by doing that, to make a tremendous contribution to preserving the American way of life—AFLCIO President George Meany.

## OPINIONS

You Write 'Em . . .  
We Run 'Em!

## MILLER, COHELAN VOTE CRITICIZED

Editor, Labor Journal:

As a union member who also spent a great deal of time last fall helping to elect Democratic candidates, I was disappointed to read in East Bay Labor Journal of Congressmen Cohelan's and Miller's "compromise" vote for the final version of the anti-union labor "reform" act, and the reasoning behind it.

It seems to me to be dangerous to compromise with the labor-haters on anything; particularly to admit, legislatively, that trade unions and trade union members are somehow more corrupt or criminally-inclined than other groups in this country, which, from what I have read, is what this bill does.

Congressman Shelley, of San Francisco, who consistently, all the way down the line, opposed all Landrum-Griffin type killer bills, in a speech to the AFLCIO San Francisco convention warns that other punitive anti-labor measures are in the N.A.M. hopper for next year. The wolves, it would seem, will not be content until they have torn organized labor limb from limb. And I think it behooves the unions to use all the influence they can muster to mount a vigorous counterattack.

Fraternally,  
JAMES C. FORSYTH,  
UAW Local 1031

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## BETTER TRANSIT

Editor, Labor Journal:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to thank you for the excellent coverage given to the recent transit bond campaign.

Most East Bay residents naturally turn to their newspapers for information on such civic betterment proposals as the transit program. Your coverage of the bond proposal certainly assured a more enlightened electorate and contributed to the success of the measure.

I would like to add that we shall strive to provide a public transportation system that will prove of lasting benefit to the entire East Bay citizenry, and that our pledge to carry out the program expeditiously, efficiently, and without increasing fares or taxes, will not be taken lightly. We fully expect to translate our promises into performance and shall do all possible to that end.

Very truly yours,  
ROBERT K. BARBER  
President

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## INFLATION BLAME

The reality of our inflation is much less serious than important government officials, the press and certain business men would have the country believe. Those who see inflation here as a Trojan Horse—filled with union leaders—are wrong. — Oscar A. Ornati, Associate Professor of Economics, New School for Social Research, New York.

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## ARE YOU READY?

If you don't have anything better to do, try this: Take your house number and double it. Add 5. Multiply by half a hundred, then add your age. Add the number of days in a year and subtract 615. The last two figures will be your age. The others will be your house number. — San Diego Labor Leader.

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## EARL AND DICK

I don't care what you write about Nixon as long as you don't try to build him over my body. — Chief Justice Earl Warren